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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Tejidor, et al. Group Art Unit: 1641
Serial No.: 09/698,589 Examiner: Gailene Gabel
Filed: 27 October 2000
For: *A REAGENT AND KIT FOR DETERMINING GLOBAL
COAGULABILITY AND HEMOSTATIC POTENTIAL*

December 26, 2001

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

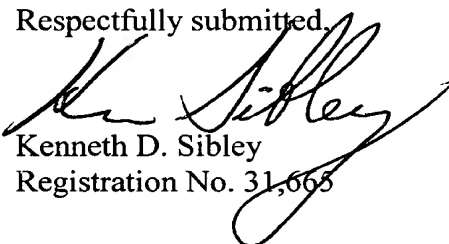
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 30, 2001, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (Claims 1-51 and 83-94) for substantive examination.

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the two inventions, while distinct, are so related that a search of one would encompass a search of the other.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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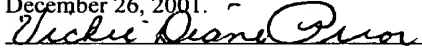


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